

TPC Group Plant Explosion and Fire Update Port Neches, Texas November 27, 2019 Morning Update

Incident Overview:

On November 27, 2019, a report was received from the National Response Center about an explosion at a facility in Port Neches, TX. The news continues to report an evacuation of a half-mile around the facility and a shelter-in-place beyond that. No fatalities have been reported, only three injuries. The plant continues to burn at this time.

The site employs more than 175 full-time employees and produces butadiene and raffinate. Combined production capacity for this facility is more than 900 million pounds per year. Infrastructure at the site includes pipeline, barge, rail and tank car.

Executive Overview:

- OSC Adams is on-scene.
- The main chemical of concern is still 1,3 Butadiene, although other chemicals may be involved.
- All water on the facility drains to the on-site waste water treatment plant. U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) personnel report the waste water treatment plant is currently has no power. Vacuum trucks will be used to maintain holding capacity at the plant until electricity is restored or generators are put in place.
- The fire is still contained to the TPC Group plant.
- Mutual aid is assisting in the fire-fighting efforts.
- The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is on scene conducting air monitoring equipment.
- ASPECT has arrived on scene and is performing monitoring.